

# Rabin, Arab leaders to visit Washington in the spring

## Vance hopes peace talks resume later this year

By DAVID LANDAU, Post Diplomatic Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last night said he expected Israel and Arab leaders to visit Washington during March and April. The Secretary made clear that Washington was seeking to renew the Middle East negotiating process early in the second half of this year.

Vance spoke at a press conference at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem at the end of his visit to Israel, which began Tuesday night. He is scheduled to fly to Cairo this morning, on the second leg of a six-nation swing which also will take him to Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria.

The Secretary did not specify the course of peace action which Washington would hammer out, but indicated that President Jimmy Carter might outline an American formula upon receiving a report on the outcome of the Vance mission. Vance said that he now had a "much clearer understanding of the position of Israel" with respect to a settlement, adding that he would probe the Arab leaders' views on a peace solution to the Middle East conflict.

The Secretary reiterated that the Palestinian problem was a key issue, along with the concept of peace and the question of withdrawal in a settlement. He also noted that he saw no basis for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in peace conferences in view of their rejection of UN resolutions 242 and 338.

After the day, long talks Israel side seemed pleased with Vance's undertaking to consult closely and fully with Israel during the impending buildup for a new peace venture. Israel officials spoke in terms of a "new joint strategy," to be moulded by Israel and the Carter administration.

Vance himself, however, was markedly less committed in deliberately-chosen remarks after last night's state dinner in his honour. He pledged "full consultations" with Israel's leaders as with the leaders of the other countries involved in the conflict.

Pressed on this point at his news conference later, he affirmed that there was a "special relationship" between Washington and Jerusalem, but pointed out that the U.S. must, in its role of peacemaker, consult closely with all the parties concerned.

During the talks, the Israel side suggested a possible interim agreement between Israel and Lebanon, with a view towards stabilizing the situation in southern Lebanon. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon argued that, since the Lebanese border has become a new confrontation line, the interests of stability demand a more permanent arrangement.

The Israeli officials explained later that while such an agreement would be concluded between Israel and Lebanon, it would have to have full backing from the Syrians in order to have practical value. Vance, the officials said, did not respond immediately to this suggestion.

The Israeli ministers who met with Vance thanked the Secretary for his diplomatic efforts during the recent Nabatiya crisis.

Israeli officials divulged last night that the large bulk of Syrian forces had been "redeployed" very close to the line they held on January 23, before they moved into Nabatiya and crossed the "Red Line" which Israel maintains to be its security belt with Lebanon. The latest movement, they said, had taken place only yesterday.

Vance was asked by the Israel side to continue his good offices, to ensure that the Syrians move back to positions that they had held on January 23.

On outstanding U.S.-Israel issues, Vance heard Israel's plea, voiced by Defence Minister Shimon Peres, to look again at the American veto of the sale of Kfir warplanes to Ecuador. According to Israel officials, the Secretary showed little signs of reconsidering. The

### Yadlin's charges sent Knesset committee

By ASHER WALLFISH, Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday passed a resolution to send the charges against Asher Yadlin to a committee of the Knesset.

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AMBASSADOR Simcha Dinitz (left), Prime Minister Rabin, and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance enjoy a breakfast meeting yesterday at the Prime Minister's residence. (Weiss)

### 'Deeply committed' to search for M.E. peace, Vance says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Vance said his day in Jerusalem was memorable and moving, especially the Holocaust memorial ceremony at Yad Vashem. "It is hard to believe that something like that could ever have taken place," he said.

Welcoming the first leader of the Carter Administration to visit Jerusalem, Allon said Israel had a clear-cut message for Vance to carry to the neighbouring capitals. This is that Israel is prepared to reconvene the Geneva peace conference as soon as possible in its original format.

"We are also prepared to negotiate outside the Geneva framework," said Allon. "If our neighbours so desire in the region, in Washington or at any other place."

Israel would prefer to move swiftly to a true, comprehensive and durable peace, Allon said, but if the Arab leaders are not ready for this, we are prepared to discuss, as a first stage, a more limited approach which would at least include an end to the state of war.

Stressing that Israel was looking forward to a continued and "fully coordinated" U.S. role in future negotiations, Allon recalled President Carter's Middle East policy statement last June in which he said that the U.S. should "never attempt to impose a settlement on Israel."

He also recalled Carter saying that "we should not force Israel to make territorial concessions which are detrimental to its security. We should attempt to promote direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbours. Israel must be allowed to live within defensible borders."

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### Yadlin names two more 'in the know' on funding

Jerusalem Post Staff

Asher Yadlin has written to his cousin, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin, naming two more former Labour Party Secretaries-General as having knowledge about contributions to the funds in which he was involved.

These are Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu and Arye (Lava) Eliaz MR.

The former Knesset Speaker, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for charges of receiving bribes, is expected to be released from the Tel Aviv District Court next Tuesday.

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### Deny Carter pledge on arms deal

WASHINGTON

While all the latest reports give slim chances for U.S. approval of the sale of the controversial cluster bombs to Israel, the White House spokesman yesterday denied that President Carter had initially assured Israel his Administration would honour all former President Ford's arms commitments to Israel.

White House spokesman Jody Powell told reporters that a decision on the cluster bombs would be released this week.

The State Department also declined to say whether the transaction would be approved. The Department spokesman said only that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance discussed the issue with President Carter shortly before leaving Washington on his current Middle East journey.

During the past two weeks, there have been several reports in the Israeli and U.S. media, including a report on CBS News on Tuesday, that Secretary Vance had assured Israel that all U.S. arms commitments to Israel.

### French confirm Rabin visit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS — The French Foreign Ministry yesterday confirmed that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had accepted an invitation to make the first official visit to France by an Israeli head of government since David Ben-Gurion came here in 1948.

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman said de Gaulle issued the invitation on behalf of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing during his meeting with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in Brussels last week.

The spokesman added that Israel had accepted, leaving the choice of date open between early in the spring or following the elections in May.

### 'NY Times' raps Vance remark

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, by saying last week that he hoped to find out during his current Middle East journey whether the PLO has moderated its views, is "treading perilously close" to a "self-destruct button" for his entire mission, "The New York Times" said yesterday.

In its lead editorial, the newspaper challenged Vance's statement that he wished to learn during his current

### Knesset majority against extradition of Flatto-Sharon to France

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Sixty-two Knesset Members have signed a petition calling on the Government not to hand over to the French authorities any Israeli citizen on the basis of the extradition agreement linking the two countries.

The petition was organized by MKs who object to Shmuel Flatto-Sharon being extradited at the

French request on financial charges. The signatories included 35 MKs from the Likud and 15 from the Alignment. These 15 did not include any from Mapam. There were no other names on the list to the left of Mapam.

The two organizers of the petition, Jacques Amir (Labour) and Meir Shalev (Likud) put their names at the top of the list.



WORKERS WITH political slogans hang beneath the crown of the harbour's Statue of Liberty. They were put there by Iranians who occupied the tower for five hours on Wednesday. Students, who were protesting the treatment of political prisoners in Iran, hung banners reading "free the 18" (political prisoners) and "Down with the Shah." (AP wirephoto)

### 100 engineers, 20,000 academics out today

#### last-minute efforts fail to stop massive strike by key workers

IV. — Last-minute attempts to avert the national unions of engineers and academics workers striking failed last night. Over 100 unions said that they had agreed to a "miracle" that would allow them to work as of this morning, or at least a major part of, and some met.

Some 35,000 employees — 15,000 engineers and 20,000 academics — will be involved. Gustav Badian, the engineers' secretary-general, said he will demand "strike" pay from the special Histadrut funds set up for this purpose and said that his men would

leave the Histadrut if that body were to deny them these funds. A similar opinion was voiced by representatives of the academic workers.

Asked whether the Israel Aircraft Industry engineers would join in the strike, Yosef Ben-Avraham of the Engineers Union believed that they would do so. "There is an interesting aspect to the fact that the IAI, as a Government industry, has been conducting secret negotiations with its engineering staff and is actually giving them a 38 per cent wage hike — which is roughly what we would have received had the Barkai recommendations been implemented."

Ninety per cent of the military industry engineers voted in favour of joining the strike. The same percentage was also reported from the Ministry of Agriculture agronomists. The Union of Academic Workers includes all senior computer technicians, economists, sociologists, clinical psychologists, librarians and statisticians among its 48 professional groups.

### Soviet emissary confers in Amman

Jerusalem Post Staff

AMMAN. — A senior Soviet envoy yesterday conferred with Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran on the Middle East and prospects for a Geneva peace conference.

Mikhail Sytenko, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle Eastern Department, is on a fact-finding tour of the Middle East which has taken him to three capitals ahead of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. He has visited Egypt and Syria, and plans to go to Lebanon.

He said that the purpose of his current visit in the region was to learn how the U.S. could better facilitate the process towards peace and move it to its conclusion. He will now go to the neighbouring capitals to "learn the Arab leaders' views of the search for peace."

Warning that the road towards peace will not be easy, Vance said that this should not be a deterrent. "We shall persevere in searching for peace, believing that in the end it will be achieved."

### Israel Arabs to Amman tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jordan yesterday approved the entry of a 25-man delegation of Israeli Arab notables seeking to extend condolences to King Hussein on the death of Queen Alia. The delegation was expected to leave for Amman across the Allenby Bridge tomorrow morning.

This is the first delegation of Israeli Arabs to go to an Arab country since 1948. It includes the trustees of the Muslim waqf (religious property) fund in Haifa, Suhail Shukri, the Kadi (religious court judge) of Acre, Sheikh Mohammed Hubeishi, a Greek Orthodox community leader, Jan Majdalani of Haifa, and Acre Magistrate Sahi Jarrah. They are expected to spend five days in Jordan.

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We mourn the passing of our dear friend

**SONYA DEANIN**

(New York)

and share the deep sorrow with Zalman and the family

Hakibutz Hameuchad  
Eli Semhar  
"Yad Tabenkin"

We mourn the passing of our old and dear friend

**ABRAHAM DICKENSTEIN**

Florence and Ralph Cohen

We deeply mourn the death of the architect and founder of our corporations

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# THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	64	9-20	22
Golan	66	7-21	21
Nahariya	68	11-19	20
Safed	67	12-18	20
Haifa Port	66	15-19	20
Tiberias	62	11-23	24
Nazareth	65	11-20	20
Afula	62	11-20	22
Shomron	72	10-18	20
Tel Aviv	68	13-19	20
B-G Airport	64	14-21	22
Jericho	49	12-26	27
Gaza	79	18-29	30
Beerababa	60	14-21	22
Eilat	34	15-28	28
Tiran Straits	39	19-28	28

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The President, Professor Ephraim Katzir, yesterday received the Attorney-General, Prof. Aharon Barak. The President gave a luncheon for Minister Yitzhak Galili and a reception for Prof. Sobral de Brasil, president of Lions International.

Mrs. Nina Katsir yesterday visited the Neve Tzirah prison for women. The Ecuadorian Ambassador, Dr. Hugo Jativa-Ortiz, yesterday presented the Hebrew University with a set of the Encyclopaedia of Ecuador as part of a cultural agreement between Quito and Jerusalem ratified yesterday.

The British Ambassador, John Mason, yesterday called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

Jaffa Kadi A. Tabari, is to speak in English, on "Moslem life in Jaffa," at today's Tel Aviv Rotary meeting at ZOIA House, at 1.15.

## Ampal founder Dickenstein dies at 76

TEL AVIV.—Avraham Dickenstein, the founder and former president of the Ampal American Israel Corporation, a major investment firm, died yesterday at his home here. He was 76.

Born in Poland, Dickenstein came to Israel in 1921. In the 1930s he was one of the six directors of Bank Hapoalim.

Dickenstein went to the U.S. for the bank in 1936, and five years later formed Ampal in conjunction with a small group of American-Jewish businessmen. By the time Dickenstein retired in 1972, Ampal's investments in Israel had reached a total of over \$900m.

## 3 Fatah men get life terms for murder

NABLUS.—A military court here yesterday sentenced three men to life imprisonment for the murder of a local taxi driver and membership of the Fatah.

The house of one of the men was also destroyed as punishment.

The court found Ziyad Sanjak, 35, his brother Jihad, 34, and Fuad Ghazi, guilty of the June, 1973, murder of Ismat al-Agrif, a Nablus taxi driver.

They were also found guilty of possessing arms and sabotage equipment.

They were further found guilty of the attempted kidnapping in 1975 of Khaleel Toukan, a travel agent on the West Bank and a relative of the late Queen Alia of Jordan. Their attempt was foiled when Toukan escaped.

## Yadlin 'will tell more' about party funding 'if he's attacked'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN and HAIM SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporters

Asher Yadlin has much more to disclose about the way that the Labour Party raises its funds, and will make this information public if current attacks on him continue, a source close to the former Kupon Holim head told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The comment was made on a report in an afternoon paper, attributed to senior police sources, that Yadlin still had in his possession most of the money he had received in bribes.

The alleged sums exceed IL2m. The Post was told yesterday. It is known where these funds are, though it is not certain if there is any legal way of recovering them, the source said.

Yadlin, sources told *The Post*, has so far discussed party funding only in response to direct questions in court. He certainly knows more, the source said.

Another source said that it was clear that yesterday's allegations were a clear attempt at "character assassination" of Yadlin on the part of the Labour Party.

The police spokesman described as irregular, but probably not illegal, a reported statement by high-level officers published in "Yediot Aharonot." According to the newspaper, two top police officers told a reporter that Yadlin had kept the money. One of the officers reportedly said that Yadlin possibly influenced a few people to give to the party, but "to the best of our knowledge," he kept most of the money himself.

The officer reportedly went on to say that the police had no intention of investigating Yadlin's accusations in court on Monday, that he had passed on the funds to Labour Party officials, until after the judge hands down sentence next Tuesday. The police will then investigate only if the

judge takes the charges seriously, the officer reportedly said.

The police spokesman said, however, that it would be impossible to identify the loquacious officers in question, if they actually existed, because newsmen could not be compelled to reveal their sources.

In another report, "Ma'ariv" identified the firm referred to in a note to Asher Yadlin from his cousin, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin. At the time the note was dated, Aharon Yadlin was secretary-general of the Labour Party.

According to the court protocol, the note read: "With reference to the sum of IL70,000 that I asked you to place at my disposal, please send the cheque to me, made out to ISL company. Thank you, Aharon Yadlin."

"Ma'ariv" identified ISL as a major concern for industrial factoring. A German bank joined the management in 1966 and loaned the company IL2m. Koor, the Histadrut enterprise, loaned the company IL2m. A Vaduz-based company invested IL2.5 million in 1973, the newspaper said.

According to the agreement reached last week between the newspaper editors and the Attorney-General, certain parts of the agreement signed between the prosecution and Yadlin were not to be revealed until after the legal period in which his sentence could be appealed (45 days from sentencing). This was breached yesterday by a morning newspaper, which wrote that immunity for Yadlin would be granted in exchange for his truthful evidence concerning the Tel Baruch Medical Centre and the Hamarvich Co.

If he is not guilty, or if his guilt is of no greater extent than the offences for which he has admitted guilt, then he would not be prosecuted. His evidence, according to the Attorney-General, would then be used to bring whoever was guilty, even political parties, to justice.

## Hope for negotiations

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ly and economically strong as the "key to all peace efforts in the Middle East." He termed the Geneva conference an "ongoing process," and said that Israel was ready to try for a comprehensive peace settlement or a "narrower option."

A full peace settlement, the Prime Minister said, must solve the three central, interlocked problems — the "quality of peace," the question of borders and the Palestinian problem. Observers noted that these three issues were precisely the points Vance had stressed in a pre-visit interview with the Israeli press corps in Washington.

For real peace, Rabin declared, Israel was ready for compromise on all three fronts. He said, however, that Israel would want a full-scale Geneva peace conference this year. At the same time, Rabin warned, the illusion that a one-shot conference could bring a real peace should not be fostered.

In his response, Vance declared that there is "indeed a special

relationship between our two countries." The U.S., he said, is "fully committed to the strength of Israel."

He had not "brought blueprints — that is not our role," the Secretary of State said. "Our role is to facilitate the process of peace-making."

In general, Vance limited himself to listening hard, taking copious notes, and referring to them as he posed short but trenchant questions to the Israeli team.

What was Israel's view on possible American guarantees, he wanted to know. Was the Israeli proposal that the West Bank Palestinians take part in the Jordanian delegation the only solution Israel would accept to the problem of Palestinian representation at Geneva? (The Israeli side indicated "yes.")

The Israeli participants emerged from the talks impressed by Vance's "methodical and unhurried" approach. He plainly intends, the Israeli sources said, to study the issues in depth before committing the U.S. to any course of action.

MAHANAYIM AIRFIELD near Rosh Pina should be enlarged and improved urgently, to facilitate charter flights for Christian pilgrims, and agricultural and industrial exports from Galilee, the Knesset Economic Committee resolved yesterday.

## Appeal on Jewish refugees to Vance

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday received a letter requesting that his government recognize and support the cause of 1,700,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

The appeal was sent by the World Organisation of Jews from

Arab Countries (Wojac) and written by its world executive chairman, Mordechai Ben-Forat, MK.

Wojac notes that the U.S. has already put the rights of all Middle East refugees "on an equal footing" since it supported the UN resolution 242 which recommends "a just settlement of the refugee problem" without limiting its meaning to the Palestinians.

Dr. Maurice Roumani, a founder of Wojac in 1975 and currently its secretary-general, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Wojac intends to open an office in New York, in addition to its present offices in London and Tel Aviv. It will also hold a convention with 1,000 delegates — all refugees from Arab lands — in New York in September.

On the first anniversary of the death of my dear husband and our father

**HUGO ZVI SCHATZMANN**

a memorial service will be held tomorrow, Friday, February 18, 1977 at 12 noon at the Nahariya Cemetery.

In the name of the family,  
Trude Schatzmann

The Management, Teachers and Staff of  
Hachshalah Israel Education Services  
extend sincere condolences to their colleague  
Karolins Eisen, on the death of her mother

**DORA DORMONT**

The setting of the tombstone for

**Reb MEIR BANDE**

(Antwerp—New York)

will take place tomorrow (Friday)  
at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.  
Meeting at entrance at 10.45 a.m.

The family



Mrs. Golda Meir at her meeting with Secretary of State Vance in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Bar-Lev says political mores have changed

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Labour's campaign manager, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, said yesterday that the public should not judge his party's fund-raising schemes of four years ago by present-day norms.

Bar-Lev, who insisted at a press conference that he was expressing his personal views, was referring to the admission by former Kupon Holim head Asher Yadlin that he had arranged the transfer of "millions of pounds" to the Labour Party's coffers in 1973. This would be in violation of the party financing laws.

Bar-Lev argued that "the society's norms in 1977 are different from the

norms of 1973. Morally, it is very difficult to judge deeds of 1973 — which were in line with the norms of that period — according to present day concepts and norms."

Bar-Lev maintained that his role as campaign manager did not affect his work as minister.

He said that before accepting the party job, he had planned a three-week trip abroad to raise money for the United Jewish Appeal. He had also planned to go to the Dead Sea to work for a week as a labourer. The Ministry's senior staff had decided that every senior official should work in a production plant. But he said he dropped the idea because he suspected the public would see it as an election gimmick.

## NRP will press government for school at Kaddum

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Religious Party Knesset faction has decided to take a tough line with the Government in an effort to get official recognition and support for an elementary school at Kaddum.

Pupils and teachers of the school held teach-ins in front of the Ministry of Education offices in Jerusalem on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, as part of this campaign. Some 50 children now have to travel 30 km. each day to school in Kfar Saba.

Members of the NRP Knesset faction describe the issue as "a matter of life and death," and hint that if their demand is not granted, they, together with the Likud will retaliate by opposing the Education Ministry estimates in the budget debate.

## Burg named NRP elections chief

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef Burg was elected head of the National Religious Party's elections bureau yesterday. Attempts had been made by supporters of Yitzhak Rabin, who quit the NRP Knesset faction last week, to stop the election. They argued that the split in the party could still be healed and that their man should be given a chance to be elected.

In another development, Mikrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi of the U.S. has threatened to cut off relations with the NRP if the split is not mended and the party appears on two separate lists on election day.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the American organization, wrote a letter to the NRP saying that, while he is not taking any part in the dispute, "it is simply difficult to understand how the danger of a Left Front together with Yitzhak Rabin is not enough to weigh the scales in favour of unity of the movement."

ANCIENT OLIVE and sycamore trees in Or Yehuda are being cut down by unknown hands. Yesterday police arrested five persons as they were loading felled trees onto their trucks.

## Elections registration date set for April 11, 12

Lists of candidates for the Knesset elections must be submitted to the Central Elections Committee on April 11 or 12, the committee announced yesterday.

Meeting in the Knesset, the committee said that new lists must present the committee with endorsement by 750 supporters and deposit IL40,000 with the elections committee. Should the list fail to win a single seat, one-fifth of this sum will be forfeited to the state exchequer.

## Druse poll voided

ACRE.—Elections among the Druse community for the forthcoming Labour Party convention were voided yesterday by election committee chairman David Kalderon after two Druse candidates complained of irregularities.

He had come to the conclusion that the election procedures had been properly adhered to, Kalderon said, but in order to avoid "rumours and doubts," he preferred to order a new poll. Party membership among the Druse is about 4,000 in 13 villages. They will send 12 delegates to the convention.

## New car battery

TEL AVIV.—Vulcan Batteries Ltd., the veteran Israeli battery producer, last week introduced the Volta, its new line of car battery which will retail for between IL475 and IL520 and carry an 18-months guarantee.

The Volta was developed using the know-how of Globe Union, the biggest manufacturer of replacement batteries in the U.S. Vulcan currently supplies about 45 per cent of the approximately 300,000 replacement batteries needed here every year. To keep up with production the firm is expanding its Haifa Bay factory and planning to open a branch at Tefen, a development community near Ma'alot. The battery cases will also be produced at Tefen, by the Gamid firm, which, like Vulcan, is a Koor subsidiary.

## Tamir: Energy bill could save \$250m.

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—More than \$250m. a year could be saved by the government if it followed his plans for conserving energy, Yosef Tamir MK said here yesterday.

Tamir, whose energy conservation motion was supported by the Knesset Finance Committee last week, called for the highway speed limit to be reduced to 85 kph, a renewal of the once-a-week carless day, and an end to television programming at 10.30 p.m.

Noting that U.S. President Jimmy Carter was wearing long winter underwear and had lowered the temperature in the White House, Tamir said Israel was doing nothing to conserve energy. He claimed that the annual bill for heating and air

## Labour leaders seek ways to circumvent court ruling

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Labour Party leaders are likely to retain their seats in the party's new central committee despite a Supreme Court ruling that they were not re-elected to the convention, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The party's outgoing central committee members had decided they would be given seats in the new convention without having to run in the elections. But the court on Tuesday nullified the decision. Consequently, the party's top leaders are not convention members.

However, Aharon Harel, who heads the subcommittee on party affairs, told *The Post* that the leaders may be elected to the new 60-member committee despite the ruling.

Legal experts are examining the possibility that the new convention amend the party's constitution to give the outgoing committee

members the status of elected delegates.

Should this prove legally impossible, or should the convention refuse to do so, it is still possible to amend the constitution to include non-convention members in the new central committee, Harel explained. A draft proposal to the convention states that 15 per cent of the central committee may be persons who are not convention delegates. But this percentage may be raised, Harel said. (Leader, Page 8)

Meanwhile, the heads of the local councils in Ezeraya, Kfar Sava, Ra'anana and Hod Hasharon yesterday declared their support for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the party's competition for the premiership nomination.

But backers of Defence Minister Shimon Peres claimed they had talked with 2,368 of the 3,000 convention delegates and 1,381 said they will support Peres.

## Begin raps Labour Party's 'ownership complex'

By SHEILA MELTZER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT.—Menachem Begin opened the Likud's election campaign last night by addressing an audience which overflowed the town's largest hall, the Eilat Cinema.

In a blistering attack on the Labour Party, Begin accused it of having developed an "ownership complex" over the years which led to an "everything is permissible" condition, which he said was the root of the corruption and scandals that have shaken the country.

Begin outlined the Likud election platform which pledges to avert war, to make a realistic peace initiative and to reinforce relations with the

## Meshel for Rabin

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Histadrut secretary-general Yehoram Meshel yesterday declared his support for Prime Minister Rabin in the competition for the premiership. He made the announcement at a meeting of the Labour Party members of the Histadrut Central Committee here.

U.S. on the basis of reciprocity. He quoted a report from Washington, yesterday's edition of *The Jerusalem Post* in which a senior official said the U.S. was apprehensive of a Likud government. He asked the U.S. not to interfere in Israel's elections, saying, "The people of Israel will choose its next Prime Minister."

Begin said that "the Likud pledge to introduce an arbitration act, real apartments, a national health system, long school days, minimum salary level, realistic for large families, and encouragement of private investors." He said the Likud would make efforts to increase aliyah and attract yordim back to Israel instead of ostracism toward them.

## T.A. Hapoel hoopsters lose by a point

TEL AVIV.—Tel Aviv Hapoel is night lost to Fortitudo Alico Bologna of Italy, by one point, 82-81, in the Korac Cup quarter-finals. The game played at the Yad Eliyahu Sport Palace, had a dramatic ending. Hapoel missed its chance to score toward the close.



Tel Aviv Maccabi's Aulcie Perry scores during Maccabi's 91-76 victory over Spartak Zbrojovka Brno in the final round of the Europe Championship Cup on Tuesday night. Team mate Jim Boatwright watches the action with approval. (UPI telephoto)

## Soviets admit four Israeli ski-journalists

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Israeli journalist-sportsmen have arrived in the USSR for a convention of the International Journalist Ski Club, in the Caucasus Mountains in Georgia.

Haim Tal (president of the Israel branch and an item reporter), Gil Kelsari (of "Ma'ariv"), Sara Manobla (of Israeli Radio) and Werner Braun (a photo-journalist) received their Soviet visas in Geneva "without any trouble," according to Victor Grayevsky, vice-president of the club's Israel branch. From there they flew on a chartered Aeroflot Jet to Moscow, along with about 180 other journalist-skiers from Europe, the U.S. and Canada.

The Israelis left home without fanfare so as not to jeopardize their chances of getting visas, Grayevsky said.

After Israel's entry to the 20-year-old club four years ago, China and Arab countries applied for

membership — on condition that "the Zionist state" be expelled. The club refused to comply. The visitors, whose expenses in country will be paid by the Soviet will spend two days in Moscow before flying to Tiflis and then to nearby mountains of Georgia. They will compete at cross-country and slalom skiing for six days.

"The Russians were very gentlemanly," said Grayevsky. "Their decision not to cause difficulties for the Israelis indicated that they won't do so at the Olympics."

The ski club, which met previous winters in France, Finland and Scotland, gather for discussion in thawed-out cities during the summer. It is likely that in a few years, the journalist-skiers — including the Russians — will come to Israel, he predicted.

conditioning the Knesset was more than IL1m, and the electric bill for December alone was IL56,000.

"If they made a large window on one side (of the Knesset) then we would not have to keep the lights on all day," he said.

Tamir, who also heads the Ecological Committee of the Knesset, called on the Interior Ministry to build a IL6m. pilot plant next to a garbage dump to recycle refuse into livestock feed.

He said only 20 per cent of waste paper was being collected in Israel, while other industrialized nations collect 40 per cent. If Israel could recycle 40 per cent of its used paper, the country would save \$20m. a year, Tamir said.

increase in the number of recycled industries. He said there is no one in Israel that recycles junk cars, for example, although so firms collect waste and export it to Italy.

Tamir said that recycling ranks seventh place as an industry in France. He also called for outlawing heavy trucks as a means of transportation for private purposes such as taking the family on a picnic. Asked how he planned to enforce all his laws, Tamir said there were enough police to do the job but they were badly organized. He said a year only 1,822 summonses were issued to drivers for polluting air. If the police worked more efficiently they could have found at least 10,000 violators. Tamir claimed.

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# U.S. Sec'y 'shocked' at ad Vashem

By JUDY SEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was "shocked" after a visit to the Yad Vashem museum in Jerusalem yesterday, U.S. not conventionally open to a "new page" in Israel relations.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, led by Vance, declared that the "shocking" book for the Secretary of State's competition to sign. "I hope you'll start a page in our relations," Hauser said as he flipped to a blank page in the book.

But Vance, who had been fully intended to do that, said he was "genuinely shocked" by the book. He showed the book to a U.S. defense secretary, saying that he would not allow the book of Auschwitz which had been called for to save the concentration camp inmates. "Even my secretary didn't act," Vance said with a smile.

Vance was accompanied by his U.S. ambassador to Israel, Philip Habib.

# U.S. Party's 'lex'

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TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel lost by a point to the Israeli national football team in a match played at Beit Dagan. In 1958 Hapoel missed out on the Israeli title when they lost to the national team in the final round of the league.

# Religious school for Shoshanim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new religious school for Shoshanim is to be built in the Shoshanim area. The school is to be built in the Shoshanim area. The school is to be built in the Shoshanim area.

# SOVIET PRISONERS EAT GRASS TO STAY ALIVE

By SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

starved with no way at all of combating severe vitamin deficiencies. There is no grass in Vladimir. He said people at Vladimir live on a diet of bread and only relatives of prisoners raise a voice of protest.

Spokesmen for Mao and Shimon expressed the fear that, in "its effort to produce 'achievements' to impress the electorate on the eve of polling day, the Government may well pull out of its hat the rabbit of renewed diplomatic ties with the Russians." Hence their warning against such ties.

Shimon's spokesman Tat-Aluf (Res.) Yehayahu Barakat pointed out that the association between Shimon and Mao is limited to the issue of diplomatic relations with the USSR.

Meanwhile, two families will launch protests in front of the Western Wall in Jerusalem this morning to demand reunion with their

# four journalists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

four journalists were arrested during a protest in front of the Western Wall in Jerusalem this morning.

# A SHABBAT HIGHLIGHT BUFFET LUNCH AT THE DAN HOTELS

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Secretary of State Cyrus Vance laying wreath at Yad Vashem ceremony in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

# House unit rejects Allon's Gaza views

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Likud and NRP men on the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, backed by the Alignment's Mordechai Ben-Porat, rejected the views of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's presence in Jerusalem to score a point against Foreign Minister Yigal Allon over his "Foreign Affairs" article, in which he suggested giving Gaza back to the Arabs.

With the Likud's Haim Landau in the chair, and with the Alignment in a minority, a two-part resolution was put through to record that Allon's waiver of Gaza was his own private opinion, and that the Government's 1968 decision about keeping Gaza still stood.

The Likud abstained on the second part, the Alignment on the second.

A Likud man told The Post: "We wanted to strengthen the Government's hand while Vance was here, and isolate Allon. The Alignment has been trying to postpone this issue since it was referred to committee five months ago, and we managed to bring it to a head today only because Landau chaired the meeting in place of Yitzhak Navon, who is away."

Yehuda Shari (ILP) tried to persuade the committee not to pass any resolutions, on the grounds that these were the business of the Government or the Knesset plenum.

# Police probe Bat Yam officials

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM. — Deputy Mayors Maurice Abutbul and Yehuda Shekel are to be interrogated at police headquarters this morning in connection with charges of corruption levelled against them. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

The two were to have been interrogated yesterday, but the

# Burglars steal the wrong safe

TIBERIAS. — The burglars, who were surprised by police when about to drive off with two safes stolen from the Histadrut dues collection office here on Monday night, escaped with only one. But it was the wrong one.

The safe stolen contained IL\$3,000, while the abandoned one contained thousands of pounds.

Three men, aged 19 and 20, have been arrested, but they deny the crime.

Police said two burglars broke into the office about midnight, pried the safes loose and threw them down from the balcony into the garden. The noise was heard by neighbours who called the police.

# Actor suspect in night club brawl

TEL AVIV. — Habibim actor Shraga Harpaz was released on bail yesterday after being charged with taking part in a violent brawl in the Blue Jack night club a few days ago.

A friend of Harpaz's, Ya'acov Tubul, was remanded in custody for five days on suspicion of having stabbed a man in the arm during the same brawl. (Him)

# Daily protests for Soviet Jews

NEW YORK. — Six New York area congressmen this week launched a year-long programme of daily protests organized by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Standing in front of the offices of Aeroflot, the Soviet national airline, Frederick Richmond, Theodore Weiss, Charles Rangel, Benjamin Rosenthal and Joseph Addabbo and Hamilton Fish participated in the lighting of the ner tamid (eternal flame), symbolising New Yorkers' commitment to the cause of freeing Soviet Jews. For the next year, "six

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# No penalties in new wage freeze bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Firms which give their workers more pay during the period of the proposed wage-price-tax freeze would be violating the law but would not suffer any penalties. This curious phenomenon was revealed in the package deal drafted yesterday in the Knesset. The bill will be presented for its first reading next Monday.

In fact the only penalties stipulated in the bill are against those who raise prices. Under the proposed bill the prices of all goods and services will remain unchanged during the period from the date the bill becomes law until June 30. Violators of this clause could be imprisoned up to seven years or fined IL10,000.

But the bill sets no penalties for those who violate other clauses of the package deal. According to the bill a registered company is limited to paying out dividends no higher than those it paid out in the same period last year. But a company that violates the law cannot be penalized.

The same applies to the wage clause. The bill proposes that wage increments agreed upon during the freeze period will be paid only after this period ends in July. This, however, is limited to the following groups: civil servants, army personnel, local council employees, health and education workers and all the workers in the aviation, energy, water supply and electricity industries. The bills do not stop employers in the private sector, banks, insurance companies and government corporations from paying higher wages.

But employers in those sectors included in the wage freeze would suffer no penalty — even though they would be violating the law — if they were to pay their employees higher wages.

Attorney-General Aharon Barak told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the fact that no penalties are specified for violators of these clauses is intentional. The reason, he stressed, is not judicial. It is understood, although Prof. Barak did not confirm this, that the reason is political — the desire to keep labour disputes out of the law courts.

The last clause in the bill proposes a freeze on taxes and local council rates.

It is as yet unclear if the bill will pass the Knesset in its present form. This depends on the decision of the Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party, neither of which has yet made up its mind on the issue.

# IL\$3,000 fine for assaulting two women

HAIFA. — A Beduin shepherd was convicted of assaulting two Finnish women volunteers at Kibbutz Yagur and performing an indecent act on one of them.

Hotzi Su'ad, 18, of the Arab Su'ad tribe, was fined IL\$3,000 or four months in jail after he expressed regret for the attacks. (Him)

# THE FIRST GROUP of young (under 45) Jewish leaders from India to participate in a leadership course in Israel will be coming this summer under the auspices of the Dor Hemahach Young Leadership Branch of the World Zionist Organisation.

# Israel, UK hold health symposium

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A symposium on practice and research in the health services in the UK and Israel is taking place here within the framework of the cultural agreement between the two countries.

# Wage freeze bill tabled in Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government yesterday tabled a bill to give legal status to the wage-price-tax freeze agreement, signed with the Histadrut last week, and to the voluntary arbitration board which will hear wage claims.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, replying to seven motions for the agenda about the current wave of strikes, called on the strikers and those who planned to emulate them, to return to regular work. He warned them that exaggerated wage claims would undermine the economy and cause mass unemployment. All seven motions were voted to Committee.

Rabinowitz said he was sure the agreed arbitration board would help prevent upheavals on the labour scene — provided it enjoyed cooperation from all sides.

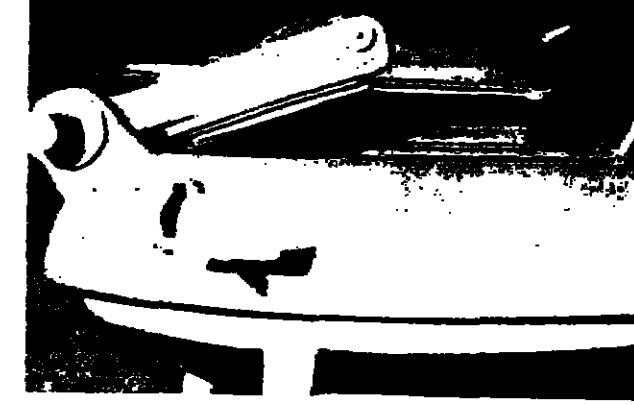
The wage-price-tax freeze, he was sure, would put a brake on inflation till the end of June, prevent unemployment, and take some of the heat out of the economy.

If no dam were built to stem the claims of the public sector employees, he warned, the production workers would come back with fresh claims.

The Minister admitted that the real wages of the public sector employees had fallen.

On this same topic, in the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday, Amram Sivan, director-general of the Treasury, said that wages of production workers had gone up 20 per cent in real terms since the Yom Kippur War, while in the public sector they had fallen 10 per cent. Hence public sector workers were quitting their jobs. Agreed arbitration was the only way to solve the problem.

Later in the day the plenum approved a private member's bill by Yehoshua Rabinowitz (Likud) which would forbid the engagement of any additional public sector employees for the next three years.



Tank commanders' cupola currently being exported by Israel to several western tank manufacturers and developed by the Israeli Ordnance Corps. The cupola affords a tank commander maximum safety while operating with an open turret. (IDF photo)

# Ordnance Corps made 700 new lines in 1976

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Post Military Reporter

Over 700 different military items were developed for the Israel Defence Forces by its Ordnance Corps last year, it was revealed yesterday.

At a meeting with military correspondents the Corps OC Tat-Aluf Eliezer Barak said that some 120 items had been developed for the armoured and artillery corps alone. Another 280 developments were related to ammunition and light weapons.

Currently, the Ordnance Corps is producing hundreds of spare parts for Soviet-made tanks which were captured by Israel in the past two wars. All the cannon on these tanks have been standardized to the 105 mm. cannon used in Israel's other tanks.

The Corps has replaced petrol engines in a large number of armoured personnel carriers of World War II vintage with modern diesel engines and all these vehicles, which in any other army would have been thrown on the scrap heap, have been fitted with power steering and other improvements.

The commander noted that these changes cost about one tenth of what new Israeli M-113 personnel carriers cost, and that the refurbished vehicles are more than adequate for their tasks.

Tat-Aluf Barak told the reporters that a commanders' tank cupola developed after the Six Day War to provide tank commanders with added protection while allowing them to operate with an open turret, is now being exported to tank manufacturers abroad. It is standard equipment on some of the West's most modern tanks, said Barak.

The Corps was responsible for the maintenance of 28 types of tank, 35 cannon, 78 different models of tracked vehicles and 226 different model vehicles — not to mention hundreds of smaller items like optical aids, missiles (over 20 different types) and 952 sorts of ammunition.

There are over 70 different technical professions represented in the Corps, whose job it is to ensure that the IDF's equipment currently in functional. Barak said that the amount of equipment currently being maintained has grown some three hundred per cent since the Yom Kippur war. Coupled with the growing sophistication of equipment, this has placed severe manpower strains on the Corps.

Quality control continues to play a major part of the Corps' function, he said. His branch currently has contact with 1,015 factories in Israel producing for the armed forces. Last year the Corps issued some 80,000 certifications of quality, as compared with only 36,000 in 1972.

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# Beduin squatter tents removed

BEERSHEBA. — The Lands Authority on Tuesday removed about 100 Beduin tents from Negev areas in which they were set up illegally.

The special team which removed the tents was set up several months ago, by former Lands Authority head Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea, to prevent Beduin from squatting in the area.

About 30,000 dunams of land have been ploughed up in the Negev recently, to establish the Authority's control and prevent squatting. The Lands Authority said that more than 1,000 sites have been set up for the Beduin in the Negev area recently, and that many Beduin have established settlements in these areas. (Him)

# Swedish, Chilean Navy ships due

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Swedish cadet training ship, Alvasnabben, expected here tomorrow for a five-day call, is one of two foreign training ships making official visits here.

The 8,500-ton Chilean Navy ship, Esmeralda, will pay an official four-day visit in June, as part of a nine-month training trip. On entering the port the Esmeralda will fire a full 21-gun salute in honour of the State, Chilean Ambassador Jorge Gana Eastman has told The Jerusalem Post.

The Esmeralda, a four-masted square-rigged sailing ship, with some 3,000 sq. m. of sail, serves Chile as a training ship. She visited Israel once before, in May 1967.

The Alvasnabben will be the first Swedish Navy vessel to call here. The ship was built in 1943 and served as a mine layer during World War II. The ship's captain, Ulf Samuelson, will place a wreath at Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem at 10 a.m. on Sunday in the presence of a guard of honour from the ship.

# Meat thief traced after crashing road block

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — A driver's refusal to stop for a routine security check led to his arrest for stealing half a ton of meat. He intended to sell in his butcher shop.

According to police, the man, who was speeding along Rehov Keren Kayemet on Tuesday night, refused to stop at a barrier set up by civil guardsmen. A guard who stepped in front of the speeding vehicle had to throw himself out of the way to save his life as the car raced by. Police who were sent to comb the area found the car parked in front of a building in Rehov Hatanaim. An inspection revealed the meat which, police said, turned out to have been stolen. After checking the flats, police found the driver who admitted that he and his partner had used the car to carry stolen meat on two other occasions for their Holon butcher shop, the police said.

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# J'lem-Pretoria links ease pressure on Jews

By JIM HOAGLAND  
The Washington Post

JOHANNESBURG. — "I suppose I began to notice it on the day after Hitler's birthday," a South African Jew recalled. "Some Afrikaner hoodlums usually get drunk to celebrate it and go out and paint swastikas on the synagogues. This year, no swastikas."

The pressures South Africa's Jewish minority has traditionally faced in a society where racial prejudice is legally enshrined have been easing in recent years, at the same time that South Africa and Israel have been increasing their cooperation.

Both sides veil how deep that cooperation goes, especially in the military field. But it is deep enough to concern some liberal Jews about the contribution Israel is making to the white minority government's capacity and determination to resist drastic changes in its apartheid policies.

The American government has also become concerned. Unlike Israel, the U.S. observes an embargo on arms sales to South Africa. Numbering 117,000, the Jewish community occupies an exposed position as a minority within the ruling white minority. Individually, South African Jews have been at the forefront of the liberal political movements that have campaigned against apartheid.

But the Jewish Board of Deputies has never joined the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other groups in formally condemning apartheid. "We're too vulnerable as a group," a board member says, recalling that some of the white Afrikaner

government's present top officials were interned here during World War II for pro-Nazi sentiments. Despite his own record of wartime internment, Prime Minister John Vorster was warmly welcomed by the Israeli government in an April 1976 official visit.

Diplomatic isolation has helped drive South Africa and Israel closer together. Both are repeatedly and harshly attacked at the U.N. After Vorster's visit, a South African cartoonist presented Vorster explaining: "What do you mean some of my best friends? Some of my only friends..."

Virtually all black African states broke diplomatic ties with Israel when Israel troops crossed the Suez Canal and moved into the Egyptian mainland and the African continent in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The Israelis had attempted until then to maintain a low profile in their already important dealings with Pretoria, but after 1973 signs of much closer cooperation have repeatedly surfaced.

Israel has already supplied Gabriel guided missiles and at least two missile-carrying patrol boats to the South African navy, has licensed the manufacture here of the Uzi sub-machinegun and reportedly helped South Africa in developing a locally-made Mirage fighter bomber.

Some South African Jews are convinced that Israel military advisers are also turning up here. The two nations are known to share intelligence and tactical planning exercises of the two somewhat similar armies, diplomats report.

Mystery also surrounds the sudden release from a South African jail on November 18 of Matty Cohen, a 22-

year-old former Israeli tank commander, after he had served only seven months of a six-year prison sentence for the forcible rapes of two South African women. Cohen was swiftly deported to Israel.

The State Department is aware of low-level cooperation between Israel and South Africa on nuclear technology, according to American sources who declined to be more specific.

Israel has been reported to have nuclear weapons. South Africa appears to be working on an atomic bomb, these sources said. A white South African journalist has gathered strong indications of an influx of Israeli nuclear physicists into Pretoria over the past 18 months.

Tough statements on South Africa by President Jimmy Carter during the election campaign have already sensitized Israel on its high visibility here, according to reports from Jerusalem. One Israeli newspaper told South African colleagues that Israel will now "draw less attention" to the relationship, but will not initiate changes.

"The Israelis keep anything on their arms sale to South Africa away from us," one American diplomatic source reported. Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Simcha Diniz, is already advising Jerusalem to weigh carefully American reaction to Israel ties to South Africa, according to one report.

The U.S. has already moved to dash Israel's hopes of selling the Kfir fighter to South Africa, reliable sources indicate. The Kfir uses engines and other parts manufactured under license from the U.S.,

which must give its permission for the sale.

South African Jews make up the world's tenth largest Jewish community and are among the white minority's most highly educated and affluent members. Today, despite stringent new exchange controls, they have no difficulty in remitting an estimated \$20m. a year in donations to Israel.

"The Six Day War did wonders," liberal political leader Helen Suzman says. "The 1967 victory engendered enormous respect for Israel and vicariously for South African Jews here."

A member of parliament for the Progressive Reform Party, Mrs. Suzman is one of apartheid's most outspoken foes. She is often bitterly attacked by Vorster's Nationalist Party for alleged "communist" thinking.

But the invitations for her to leave South Africa and go to Israel, once heard on the parliament's floor, and crude anti-Semitic newspaper cartoons depicting her, seem to be a thing of the past now.

The Nationalists, who fought against Jewish immigration here during the 1930s and once had a clause denying Jews membership in their party, have also stopped calling attention to the prominence of Jews in liberal politics and high finance and business.

Despite such changes, South African Jews appear to be quitting South Africa at their highest rate ever. Jewish officials say that immigration applications have more than doubled in the past year as black uprisings and white police repression have sharply polarized opinion.

## Smith bid to make call-up easier

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Ian Smith has moved to take some of the sting out of the stringent military call-up measures that forced his defence minister to resign.

But Smith appears to be far from satisfying increasing demands that he tell precisely how the government intends to act in resolving the present impasse.

Smith told Parliament on Tuesday he is appointing an impartial non-government board to review appeals against the recently ordered cancellation of almost all deferments for military service. Previously, no provisions had been made for appeal.

Businessmen, farmers and miners charged that the new measures would bring the economy to a standstill, and the public pressure prompted Reginald E.D. Cowper to resign as defence minister last week.

The measures, which include putting reservists in the bush for 84 days between January and June and borrowing from the police and air force to beef up the army, were introduced in January to deal with a sharp escalation in the war waged by Black nationalist guerrillas.

The intensification of the war, combined with the absence of the Black majority rule settlement that would help and end, has given rise to public calls on Smith to show a way out.

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## EEC warns Russians on illegal fishing

BRUSSELS. — The European Community Market yesterday warned the Soviet Union that its fishing vessels are in the waters of Common Market countries illegally and called for their immediate withdrawal.

The EEC made its declaration at the first session of negotiations on a long-term Common Market-Soviet fishing agreement.

Acting British Foreign Secretary David Owen, who delivered the warning, said the Russians were operating illegally inside the EEC's 200-mile zone because their vessels are not licensed to be there.

"The Soviet government is requested either to provide a list of vessels to be licensed or to withdraw Soviet fishing vessels from the fishing zones of member states," Owen told Soviet Fisheries Minister Alexander Isakov at the start of the session.

Speaking as chairman of the Council of Ministers of the nine member governments, Owen declared: "I should like to make it clear that the Community is not seeking a confrontation over this issue, nor is it motivated by any desire to make the negotiations on which we have now embarked more difficult."

This was the first time that the Community and the Soviets have met for formal negotiations.

Owen went on to say: "I would like to recall that the Council has agreed that member states should now take the necessary measures to ensure that the limits on Soviet fishing in February and March are observed."

These limits would sharply reduce the number of Soviet boats off West European coasts. The measures that the Community Market countries were planning to take have not been officially disclosed. But Irish Foreign Minister Garret Fitzgerald told reporters earlier that ships fishing illegally would be warned and then ordered off.

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## IN BRIEF

### Brazilian opposition leader muzzled

BRASILIA, Brazil. — President Ernesto Gelsel yesterday stripped a local opposition leader of all political rights, the second politician in two weeks to be disciplined after claiming he had proof of torture in Brazil. Marcos Klamann, the Brazilian Democratic Movement leader in the city council of Porto Alegre, was unseated for a 10-year period under the extra-constitutional powers of the military government.

### Cosmonauts at mid-point

MOSCOW. — Tass announced yesterday that Soviet cosmonauts Viktor Gorbatko and Yuri Glushko, who began their space mission nine days ago, are half-way through their experiments aboard their space station. The news agency said the cosmonauts had begun photographing Soviet territory, apparently part of a continuing Soviet programme of space photography of the earth. Other experiments include more medical tests and a study of how composite materials break apart under heat in conditions of weightlessness, according to Tass. (AP)

### Belgian austerity

BRUSSELS. — Belgian Premier Leo Tindemans yesterday presented his controversial austerity plan to parliament as trade unions announced rotating one-day strikes across the country.

Most politicians and political observers believed Tindemans' plan was more an attempted political show of strength from his shaky coalition government than a serious effort at relaunching the stagnating economy.

Major points in the plan were 20b-franc (15.50b.) cuts in the state budget, 15.5b. francs (12.4b.) of new taxes and the hope of cutting the unprecedentedly high number of 285,000 jobless by 50,000. (AP)

### Saudia and Alaska

ANCHORAGE. — Saudi Arabia is talking about securing a stake in Alaska's offshore oil by putting its money behind a company which the U.S. set up to aid Alaska's native tribes.

The Associated Press has learned that Koning Incorporated, a corporation set up under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, is seeking Saudi Arabian backing for an effort to bid for Alaskan offshore oil leases.

### Arsenic and old lace

OXFORD, England. — An elderly woman walked into a pharmacist's shop on Tuesday, the opening day of a campaign to persuade city residents to clear their homes of unwanted drugs and medicines, and handed over enough cyanide to kill 10,000 persons, officials said. (UPI)

SMOKE. — French health authorities reported yesterday that their six-month-old anti-smoking campaign is already beginning to bite with a three-per-cent drop in the number of adult smokers in the last three months of last year.

GRAND MASTER. — Isaac Y. Boleslavsky, 58, Soviet chess grand master and journalist, has died after a short illness, the newspaper "Soviet Sport" said yesterday.

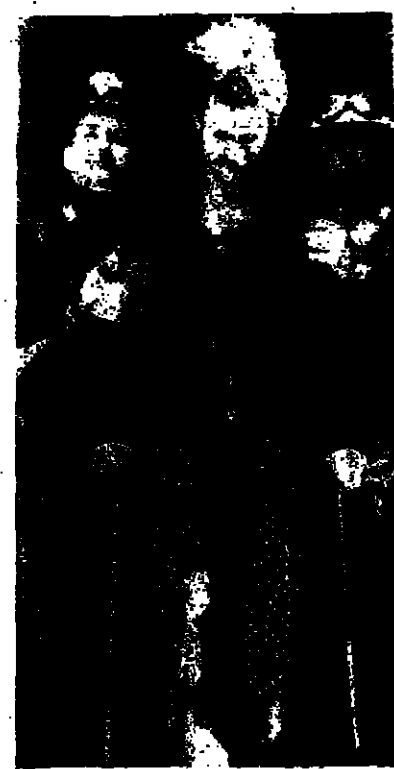
## Malaysian Communists plan comeback

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia. — Communist guerrillas and insurgents are keeping government forces busy in Thailand and Burma and seem to be preparing for action in Malaysia.

The 3,000 guerrillas of the banned Communist Party of Malaya have a long-term plan to infiltrate back and re-establish bases in areas where they were strong during the 1948-1960 Communist emergency, Inspector-general of police Haniff Omar said yesterday.

Haniff said this was learned when attacks on government forces, but the government claims they pose no major threat at present.

In neighbouring Thailand, a secretary to Queen Sirikit was shot and killed and four other persons



Long Italy's most wanted criminal suspect, Renato Vallanzasca, 28, is helped by police on his way to jail after his capture in Rome on Tuesday. The gang leader is suspected of eight murders and numerous kidnappings. He was wounded in the shootout with police prior to his capture. (AP radiophoto)

## Naples terrorist gang gets total of 295 years in jail

NAPLES. — A Naples court yesterday sentenced 23 members of a left-wing terrorist gang to a total of 295 years in jail at the end of a trial during which the defendants shouted abuse at the court and two of them escaped from jail.

Only five court-appointed lawyers and the parents of one defendant were in the courtroom when the sentences were read out at dawn, after 25 hearings and 18 hours of deliberation.

The sentences against the 22 members of the "Proletarian Armed Nuclei" (Nap) were only slightly less than the 303 years requested by the prosecution.

Giovanni Gentile Schiavone, considered the ideologist of the group,

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## Amin's troops call for coup chiefs' blood

KAMPALA. — Several thousand chanting Ugandan troops yesterday urged president Idi Amin to "kill the main conspirators in an attempt to overthrow him, including Anglican bishops."

"Kill them. Kill them today," 3,000 battle-clad troops chanted in a special ceremony arranged by Amin to disclose details of the coup attempt.

In a bizarre touch, an archbishop, the Archbishop of Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda, Da. Luwum, also attended the ceremony dressed in his purple church robes and sadly shook his head at soldiers and several speakers denounced him.

Amin had summoned archbishop earlier in the week accused him, former President Milton Obote, President Nyerere of Tanzania and a bishop, Yona Okot of Bukedi, being involved in the plot. But he released the archbishop with a warning to "preach the word of God and not bloodshed."

In addition to the archbishop the troops, diplomats, ministers, other invited guests attended event.

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Higher traffic fines

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — After almost a year of discussion between the Ministries of Transport and Justice, it has finally been decided to raise traffic fines this June.

The stiffer fines are reserved, curiously enough, for commercial offences rather than those that might endanger life and limb.

For example, if the driver of a commercial vehicle is caught transporting someone for money, the offender now pays IL50. In June he'll have to fork over IL500. Similarly, if the buyer of an automobile fails to register the transaction in time, he'll have to pay IL500, as will the seller. Formerly the buyer was fined IL400 and the seller IL50.

On the other hand, failure to drive on the right-hand side of the road will result in a paltry IL400 fine. Driving the wrong way on a one-way street will cost only IL50 (up from IL15), and crossing the white dividing line on urban streets will cost IL400 (also up from IL15). The sole IL600 fine in the safety category is reserved for drivers without headlights.

Those concerned with the quality of life should be pleased. For example, a dirty bus can result in a IL50 fine for the driver (up from IL20), while throwing litter from a car will cost the driver IL200 (up from IL10).

Pedestrians had also better beware. For crossing a street where they shouldn't they formerly paid IL5. They are now liable to pay IL50. If a pedestrian should suddenly descend from the sidewalk into the street, he'll have to pay IL50, rather than IL5.

French driving habits improve

PARIS. — It might not be glaringly obvious when dodging the traffic in Paris, but French driving habits are improving, says the Association of French Motor Insurance Companies.

Accidents have dropped by 20 per cent in five years, according to Association statistics. For every 1,000 cars on the road, there were 197 accidents, with 19 fatalities in 1971. In 1975 there were only 156 accidents per thousand cars, with 15 fatalities. The reduction was attributed in part to the use of seat belts and to the stricter enforcement of speed limits.

It noted that drivers under 21 still ran a higher than average risk — their accident rate has dropped only three per cent. Drivers aged 18 cause four times more accidents than drivers aged over 30.

Women drivers have slightly more accidents than men, but they tend to be less serious. Men drive fast and have worse accidents. Bachelors are the worst of all. (AP)

Bid to change 'no-fault' law

Jerusalem Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday voted to committee a private member's bill by Nissim Ellad (ILP) which would abolish the "no-fault" law for traffic accident victims in its present form and have all compensation paid by the National Insurance Institute.

The bill would be on a similar basis to compensation for victims of work accidents, for which the NII provides rehabilitation on a large scale.

The extra premium would be paid by all who pay National Insurance premiums, and not just by drivers, Ellad said. In addition, victims who so desire, can still have recourse to the civil tort legislation which was abolished when "no-fault" law came into effect last September.

Ellad was angry at four Likud MKs who tried in vain yesterday to put through another amendment about traffic accident victims, because he claimed they were trying to steal his thunder. He has opposed the current "no-fault" legislation at every stage.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok, who praised Ellad for his consistent efforts on behalf of accident victims, persuaded the House to vote down the Likud private bill, which would have enabled victims to sue negligent drivers — an action which they cannot take under the "no-fault" law.

The risks of taking a ride with a drunk driver

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal and allowed a counter-appeal against a judgement of the Haifa District Court delivered on December 5, 1975 (in C. 51/74).

The respondents set out by car for Haifa late one night after a hectic party in Kiryat Motzkin at which the second respondent's husband — the driver of the car — had indulged somewhat liberally in strong drink. A few minutes after their departure the car swerved off the road and struck an electric pylon. The driver was killed instantly and the respondents were severely injured.

In the subsequent action against the deceased's insurance company — the appellants in the present case — the Haifa District Court dismissed the defendants' plea that the plaintiffs had voluntarily exposed themselves to risk by riding with the deceased when they knew he was drunk, but allowed their alternative plea of contributory negligence, attributing 20 per cent of the blame for their injuries on the plaintiffs themselves.

Section 5 of the Civil Wrongs Ordinance (New Version) provides that: "(a) It shall be a defence in any action brought in respect of a civil wrong, that the plaintiff knew and appreciated or must be taken to have known and appreciated the state of affairs causing the damage and voluntarily exposed himself or herself to the risk of such damage."

In the appeal and counter appeal against the District Court judgment Mr. Y. Koren and Mr. C. Abelson appeared for the appellants, and Mr. S. Flehman and Mr. I. Anbar for the respondents.

Justice Cohn, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, first discussed the appellants' arguments against the District Court's decision that the respondents had not voluntarily exposed themselves to risk. The Supreme Court, he noted, has already established the principle that a defendant wishing to rely on defence of voluntary assumption of risk, must prove not only that the injured person knew of the risk, but also that he deliberately exposed himself to it. However, in the case under consideration, it had most certainly not been the second respondent's wish to expose herself to the risk of driving with her husband, but it had been her natural wish to accompany her husband home, whatever the risks involved: while all that the first respondent had wanted was to get home by the only means available, all other transport to Haifa at that time of the night having ceased.

Furthermore, continued Justice Cohn, the Israeli courts have also adopted the principle that there must have been some sort of "bargain", either express or implied, under which a plaintiff waived all claims to compensation against the defendant in advance before he could be deemed to have voluntarily exposed himself to a risk. In the present case, however, there could be no doubt that neither of the respondents had thought of making any such bargain with the deceased. In other words, they had not abandoned in advance their rights to claim compensation for any damage which might be caused them in exchange for the deceased's agreement to drive them to Haifa, despite his intoxication.

The appellants' appeal should, therefore, be dismissed.

Turning next to the respondents' counter-appeal against the District Court's decision that there had been contributory negligence on their part, Justice Cohn held that while it is true that every person owes a duty to himself to refrain from endangering his life by recklessness or thoughtlessness, it is equally true that before any such failure to protect himself would be deemed to be contributory negligence, this failure must be proved to have been unreasonable. The question before the Supreme Court — and that which the District Court should have answered — was, therefore, whether the respondents had behaved unreasonably by driving back to Haifa with the deceased.

In holding the answer to be in the negative, he held that he could not accept the District Court's conclusion that the prevailing opinion amongst jurists is that contributory negligence must be attributed to a person who takes a lift from someone he knows has had a lot to drink. For this opinion was far from being acceptable to all jurists. On the contrary the special circumstances of each case must be taken into consideration and in the present case no reasonable person in the same situation as the respondents (and in particular as the deceased's wife) would have elected to walk from Kiryat Motzkin to Haifa instead of taking a lift with the deceased.

The counter-appeal should, therefore, be allowed, concluded Justice Cohn.

JUSTICE ETZIONI

In concurring with his colleagues, Justice Etzioni noted, inter alia, that there had been no proof in the District Court of the effect which the alcohol he had imbibed had had on the deceased driver of the car, while the respondents themselves had denied that they had seen any signs of drunkenness in him. They could not, therefore, be deemed to have deliberately exposed themselves to the risks involved in driving with him. Appeal dismissed and counter-appeal allowed. Judgment given on December 27, 1976.

Psychological lift by AT&T

NEW YORK. — The stock market closed sharply higher yesterday with a lift in AT&T shares. The company's common shares are the most widely held U.S. stock, with nearly three million owners. Analysts said the move gave the rest of the market a psychological lift.

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## Freeze or folly?

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday tabled the bill by which it hopes, if it is passed by the Knesset, to conjure up a wage freeze until June 30. Today, that law, which incorporates the agreement signed last week with the Histadrut, is already being put to the test by the strike of the academics and engineers in the public service.

It was clear even last week that the real content of the Government-Histadrut accord was no more than a wage freeze, while all the other components, such as the freeze on taxes, prices, dividends and profits were either impracticable or devoid of any real content.

The bill tabled yesterday makes it clear that the wage freeze, too, will not stand up to the waves of discontent which now engulf segments of the public service which rarely, if ever, before resorted to strikes, such as the engineers in the military industries.

The proposed law not only attempts vainly to stop time from marching on until June 30 — it also contains no sanctions whatsoever against possible violators. In the only area where sanctions do exist by virtue of existing legislation, namely, price control, the law's implementation will so obviously depend upon the willingness of the Government to take action that its inefficacy can be predicted with near certainty.

This law, and the accord on which it is based, cannot be regarded as anything but the product of confusion. Were it implementable, even if passed by the Knesset, it would at most loose upon the economy an inflationary avalanche of price, wage and, necessarily, tax increases four months from now. The expectation of these developments by the public will certainly not be conducive to restraint in consumption during the interim period.

As a matter of fact, there is not much chance that this law, even if passed by the Knesset, will achieve any of its objectives. If one of its intentions, which for obvious reasons has not been spelled out, is to prevent an immediate wage increase which would become a new and higher base on which the Cost-of-Living Allowance of April will have to be paid, this is unlikely to fool any group of workers.

Even in the unlikely case that they will be effectively restrained from pressing their demands now, they will certainly present their bill, with interest, when the time for thawing the freeze comes.

The only result of the Government's present moves is that the breakdown in labour relations in the public sector will drive out the most qualified and most enterprising of the public servants, leaving the Government to pay the wage increases to those who, because of their lower standards, will remain behind.

This bill should, therefore, be returned to the Government. Beseeching the sun to stand still and trying to legislate the staying of the moon in the Valley of Ayalon will accomplish little. The public servants are not Amorites and the Government should sit down to negotiate with them in earnest. If paid they must be, it is better to pay now, to retain the better among them and not to embitter all. The inflationary effect will in the last analysis also be less than what we may expect after the elections.

## Labour and its woes

TROUBLE comes in threes. Nowhere would this proverb seem to be more tragically true today than for the Labour Party. Not only has the party been racked by an unprecedented and divisive competition for its top leadership position; not only has it been engulfed by a sea of troubles discharged by the Yadin Affair; but now the very summoning of its national convention scheduled for next Tuesday, at which the dramatic race between Rabin and Peres was to be decided, has been placed in doubt.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld an earlier District Court decision barring automatic cooptation of the 600 members of the present Central Committee to the forthcoming convention as full voting members. As a result neither the two contenders nor the ministers, Knesset Members, Histadrut leaders, mayors and other party functionaries will be seated at the convention.

This is due to the decision of the party leadership to instruct the Central Committee and Leadership Bureau members not to stand for election as convention delegates. The assumption, and the promise — the District Court's decision notwithstanding — was that their automatic cooptation to the convention somehow would be assured.

Of even greater significance is the fact that under the Labour Party's own constitution — which the Supreme Court describes as a binding compact between the party and its members — only 10 per cent of the new Central Committee to be elected by the convention may be selected from outside the convention. Thus, unless some heroic constitutional measures are taken by the convention, 90 per cent of the current leadership of Israel's ruling party will have to vacate their posts in the party's ruling bodies.

This is so mind boggling a prospect that the party's legal minds will doubtless be burning the midnight oil from now until next Tuesday to find a way out of this new calamity. The convention, when it convenes — minus the members of the vetoed Central Committee — may of course seek to amend the party's constitution so as to permit the Committee's coopting. But in the country's new political mood it is far from certain that such a step would be immune to renewed applications for staying orders from the courts.

In any case, it is difficult as yet to foresee what this new development will do to plans for the election of the party's leader, originally scheduled for the convention's second day, on Wednesday.

The entire imbroglio is a product of the Labour Party's inability to outgrow its "half tea-half coffee" tradition. When it was decided to hold democratic elections for the coming convention, it was also felt that the party still had to guarantee the entrenched representation of its Abud Ha'avoda wing, and of various party leaders who were not entirely sure of election at the branch level. The compromise decision was to have some 18-20 per cent of the convention delegates — exactly the number of the present Central Committee with its finely balanced factional composition — coopted rather than elected.

As in the case of party financing practices, the Labour Party seems here, too, to have fallen victim to its own misguided rear-guard fight against changing political mores. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court's decision that a party's constitution is more than a scrap of paper should be welcomed as a harbinger of a new era in politics.

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# The future of the Holy City

Jerusalem may not reach the political agenda for some time yet, but the prospect of keeping the holy city united as well as peaceful has already elicited some thoughtful

ideas. ABRAHAM RABINOVICH reports on a number of practical alternative suggestions just aired by Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor MERON BENVENISTI.

THE PROBLEM of Jerusalem may eventually be resolved if it is broken down into its elements, so that Arabs and Jews "can discuss the trees instead of the forest," according to Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti. These "elements" are outlined by Benvenisti in the English version of his book, "Jerusalem, The Torn City," published last week. Benvenisti cautioned, however, in a recent interview that the essential wisdom of a compromise is still lacking. Action on the problem of Jerusalem must therefore wait until some momentum towards compromise has been established on other fronts. "The whole thing today is academic," he said.

BENVENISTI was in charge of East Jerusalem affairs for the Municipality for five years after the Six Day War, during which time his liberal policies made him an increasingly controversial figure. In 1971, a contingency paper he had prepared for the Foreign Ministry was leaked to the press in distorted form by opponents, causing a major outcry. In its authentic version, the paper had suggested the creation of a Jerusalem metropolitan "county" with dual sovereignty.

In his book, Benvenisti says Israel and Jordan are in agreement on only one point — that Jerusalem must remain an open city. The question is under whose sovereignty. The Arabs are unwilling to accept Israel's claim to the whole city. Israel is unwilling to accept Jordan's demand for exclusive Arab control over the Arab sector. Without making any recommendations of his own, Benvenisti lists several possible approaches.

Restoring Arab sovereignty to the Temple Mount and to Arab neighborhoods of Eastern Jerusalem, but not to the Jewish neighborhoods built since 1967 across the green line — nor to the Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall and the Mount of Olives. (Some Arabs have endorsed this compromise, says Benvenisti, but the majority of them would object to it. Besides, "most Jews would view it as a redrawing of Jerusalem." The idea would in any case be difficult to

implement because it seeks to create islands of Jewish and Arab sovereignty.)

Israeli sovereignty over the united city, but with a sovereign Arab corridor to the Temple Mount which would also be under Arab sovereignty. (This was proposed by Israel at one time, says Benvenisti, but the Arabs rejected it because it would leave Arab residents under Israeli rule.)

Adding West Bank areas outside the present municipal borders to Israel's sovereignty in return for areas within the borders. (Such a swap would enable Jerusalem to expand its connections with the coastal plain to the northwest and southwest. But the Arabs, says Benvenisti, would not consider it a fair trade while the Jews would be unwilling to give up any part of the annexed area of the city.)

An Israeli-Arab condominium. (This is hard to implement and does not meet the demands of either side, says Benvenisti.)

The internationalization of Jerusalem, "impractical and clearly opposed by both sides," says Benvenisti.

Blurring the sovereignty issue by creating a super-municipal unit with dual sovereignty. The unit would encompass united Jerusalem — which would remain under Israeli sovereignty — as well as outlying areas including Bethlehem, Ramallah, Beit Sahur, Beit Jallah, el-Bira and more than 10 villages, all under Arab sovereignty. Both sovereignties would share control of a roof Municipality responsible for the overall problems of "Greater Jerusalem." The organization would be similar to that of the Greater London Council, which is an amalgam of boroughs. There would be a dozen or more sub-units or boroughs along ethnic or urban lines. (This could be implemented on a municipal level, says Benvenisti, but would encounter great opposition on the governmental level.)

Whatever the form of sovereignty, adds Benvenisti, there must be unrestricted movement for people, goods, capital and labour within the city. There must be no tax borders. There must also be a

system of justice, police, extradition, municipal services, utilities, transportation, currency, and similar matters "which do not negate the accepted principles of sovereignty." Benvenisti cites as an example the arrangements among the Benelux countries and among the Scandinavian countries.

AS FOR THE QUESTION of the Temple Mount, which is perhaps the thorniest issue, Benvenisti lists several suggestions. Among these are:

The removal of the Temple Mount from the sovereignty of any state. An international agreement would establish the responsibilities of the Muslim Council which would administer the Mount as well as questions of legal immunity, tax exemptions and police arrangements. This agreement would be signed by Israel and an Arab state. In other matters, including customs duties, Israeli law would apply.

Symbolic Arab sovereignty — the right to fly an Arab flag, post a uniformed guard, use Moslem currency as legal tender on the Mount, and mention a Moslem ruler in sermons — the latter two being intrinsic expressions of sovereignty under Islamic law. In all other respects, Israeli law would apply.

Institutionalization by Israeli legislation of the status quo whereby Israeli sovereignty prevails but effective control is in the hands of the Moslem Council.

Every one of these and other alternatives listed by Benvenisti is distasteful to substantial numbers of people within either the Israeli or Arab camps, if not both. Determined not to encourage false optimism, Benvenisti nevertheless sees one hopeful sign. In refusing to see Jerusalem become a divided city again, both sides are implicitly indicating their willingness for compromise — even though they may not know it yet.

"You can't say you don't want it to be the way it was before 1967, and then say you don't want to compromise. If people are forced to face this fact, they may be willing to pay the price," says Benvenisti.

## Dry Bones



### READERS' LETTERS

#### WHERE IS THE TRUTH?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There has been much controversy about the address delivered by Mrs. Marcia Freedman, M.K. in Philadelphia on November 8, 1976 under the auspices of the Philadelphia Chapter of B'nai B'rith. The advertised subject of her address was the innocuous one, "The crisis in Lebanon. What it means to Mideast peace."

On December 2, The Jerusalem Post published a letter from a certain Ernest Brydon bitterly criticising this address which he called "a one-and-a-half hour tirade of anti-Israeli, pro-Palestinian propaganda." It quoted, in inverted commas, accusations made by Marcia Freedman of "murder of innocent Arab children" and of "armed Jews with killer German Shepherd dogs attacking Arab neighbours in Kiryat Arba," etc.

On December 13, there appeared in The Jerusalem Post a rejoinder from Mrs. Freedman. She found it "unthinkable" that The Post should publish this letter without first soliciting her reaction. She "stated flatly that not one of the remarks attributed to me is correct" and that she was "neither a fool nor a liar." What puzzled me about this categorical wholesale denial of the remarks attributed to her ("not one") was that the whole letter was a denial that she had made the alleged statements without a word of what she had said.

The name Ernest Brydon conveyed nothing to me and I decided to write to him to ask whether he could adduce corroborative evidence of the truth of his allegations. I duly received a reply, "Mr. Brydon's credentials were certainly impressive. He is a Colonel Brydon,

and (I quote) "A Colonel (Reserve) in the U.S. Marine Corps (Commando) and I believe I have the distinction of being the only U.S. officer titled to the privilege of wear Israeli paratrooper wings earned Tel Nof."

As references to his credibility, reliability, he gave the names of a number of Israelis who could vouch for him. They included Mr. Moshe Yegar, head of the Foreign Ministry's Information Department; Aluf Avraham Adan, Shaul Rose, Aluf Rafael Eitan and Mr. Issac Ben Ya'acov. All of them hesitatingly vouched for his integrity.

Not only did Col. Brydon insist every word that he had written was true, but he added grisly details of the torture which Marcia Freedman alleged was inflicted upon Arab prisoners, which could not by its nature be published, but which he mentioned in a private letter, corroborative witnesses to the truth of his statements, he gave the name of David Gross, a reporter on Philadelphia Jewish Exponent, of a Mr. Michael Masch, employed the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia. Both members of B'nai B'rith and would vouch for his statements.

Mrs. Freedman, in maintaining that she was clear, clearly stated that Col. Brydon is, according to her, to his name must presumably be added all those mentioned above whom she apparently accuses of wilful mendacity.

It is for the readers of The Jerusalem Post to decide upon the truth, or if they wish, upon the lies and where the truth.

LOUIS I. RABINOW

Jerusalem.

### ABORTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I must admit that it annoys me intensely when a man starts airing his views on abortion — for I gather that Chester Linderman and Louis I. Rabinowitz (February 9) are men.

Surely this is a problem that can only fully be understood by a woman, and unless the man concerned is responsible for the pregnancy in question, I really don't see what right he has to interpose — and only then if he is willing to share all the responsibility involved.

Contrary to Mr. Linderman's views, no woman has an abortion for fun or fashion, and the decision is not taken lightly — after all, it is our body and we have to live with it. Ponder on this, all self-righteous men: the world, and even the State of Israel, might be a much better place if all our children were wanted and therefore brought up with more love and understanding.

ALISON GRAUVAUD  
(Wife and mother)

Givatayim.

### VOLUNTEERING IN THE ARMY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am a new immigrant recently helped as a volunteer in the Army and it was my most rewarding experience since I came to the country. I am retired, and, with the exception of two, I was the youngest in my group, and I am past 60. I am a volunteer, attending charity work, all quite nice, but not what I have given of myself to help the army in the world.

Volunteers are badly needed. They don't walk and run and get paid to get a job. They are the ones that you'll proudly carry on your heart while having the wonderful experience that you had and which you will never forget. So volunteer today by c/o Jerusalem 225855.

FRANCIS MAR

Jerusalem.



Labour Party leaders vote in 1973...

...But what about next week's convention? Yossi Sarid and Halifa branch secretary Uri Agami explain why they switched horses in the premiership stakes.

The tax reform that failed: Baruch Nadel concludes his series with an attack on the Ben-Shahar report.

Ludwig Mayer at 88: Philip Giffon talks to the founder of Jerusalem's oldest Jewish bookshop.

Alex Berlyne writes with prejudice about Valentine's Day. The weekend Dry Bones.

This and more in tomorrow's

THE JERUSALEM POST MAGAZINE

WE ARE BEING swamped by letters from Israel readers on the subject of the advertisement in the International chain of hotels in the February 7 issue of "Time" Magazine.

The full-page colour ad lists the chain's hotels in the Middle East. In six cases, the country in which the hotel is situated is mentioned in addition to the city. The lone exception is Jerusalem.

Most of the angry writers suggest that since the management of the International chain is unwilling to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Jewish clients around the world should draw the necessary conclusions and avoid the chain.

For ourselves, we should like to think that the tycoons of International Hotels (which we believe are owned by Pan-Am Airways) either feel that Jerusalem is the centre of the world or recognize the spiritual quality of Israel's capital. From time immemorial in Jewish tradition Jerusalem has existed on two planes — Yerushalayim shel ma'ala and Yerushalayim shel ma'la.

(Jerusalem the earthly and Jerusalem the heavenly). Incidentally, in all fairness to "Time" it should be said that the advertisement in its Feb. 14 issue mentions only cities, without reference to country.

P.D.  
THE DEATH of Anthony Eden last month reminds some of us at The Post of how he changed his opinions in later life. We used to listen to some of his broadcasts over the BBC after the Sinai Campaign. It was interesting to see how the man who created the Arab League suddenly discovered Israel and vigorously pledged support for this country's rights to exist in safety. He spared no words to condemn the duplicity of some of his former friends.

It should be noted in all justice, however, that from then on Eden's attitude towards Israel, in particular concerning the concessions this country was expected to make towards its neighbours, underwent no basic change. He continued to deplore terror and appeasement, and, as Lord Avon, joined the group of 16 Conservative Friends of Israel in the House of Lords.

KING KHALED of Saudi Arabia has invited two of Holland's leading professional soccer teams to play in Riyadh next summer. He is anxious to show his subjects what good football looks like and has decided that Ajax of Amsterdam and Feyenoord of Rotterdam are just right for the purpose.

But there are two snags, our Amsterdam correspondent notes. In the first place, the Dutch footballers can't leave Holland until after the end of the soccer season in June — and their available dates may coincide with the semi-finals and finals of Saudi Arabia's King Khaled Cup which the monarch is unwilling to postpone.

In the second place, both the Dutch teams and the supporters who will accompany them will be expected to be in possession of certificates "non-Jewishness." Amsterdam's Ajax, in particular, is a club with many Jewish supporters and they have already announced that they have no intention of applying for these racist certificates.

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